

**MINUTES OF A COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING OF ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL
HELD AT 7.00pm ON MONDAY 10 JUNE 2013 AT GLOBE HOUSE, PRIORY ROAD,
ALCESTER (SEGGS LANE ENTRANCE)**

Present:

Cllr E. Payne, Cllr L Cumberbatch, Cllr Y. Morrison, Mr J Hodges, Cllr J Kenyon, Cllr C Gough, Cllr A. Brown, Cllr S Adams, Cllr S. Payne, Cllr M Cargill, Mrs Theobald

Public participation at discretion of Chair

No public were present

1. Apologies, Cllr C Neal-Sturgess, Cllr J Styles, Cllr Y. Hine,

2. Declarations of Interest

None declared

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 May 2013 had been circulated and were approved and signed.

4. Updates

a) Health and Inequalities

Report submitted to last Full Council, no further update

b) Senior Citizens' Issues

The Health Champion, Mr Hodges, reported on how in other parts of the country, joined up services of NHS and Social Services gave better care for older people. Locally, social isolation and poverty was increasing but take-up in benefits was decreasing. Age UK have produced a leaflet to increase awareness of future services being reduced or cut. Mr Hodges proposed that a programme of workshops are run for councillors, wardens, residential homes and medical services to update on how government changes are affecting older residents. Mr Hodges and Cllr Cumberbatch to discuss the way forward. The number 247 bus service is causing concern for older residents as many vehicles are in a poor state and unreliable. The bus company had promised a new fleet with disable access and enquiries to be made into why they aren't in service on this route. Facing the Challenge – mobile library services are being reduced but this will not affect current Alcester library service.

The Fire Service came to the last SCAN meeting and gave out smoke alarms.

c) Resilience

No further update

d) Business Support

Plans for Ragley Game Fair are progressing. The events leaflet to be updated and reprinted for distributing at the Fair.

Another successful Street Market was held in June.

A visitor's complaint that they were unable to purchase refreshments at 3.15 in the afternoon has been passed to the Chamber of Trade.

e) ACT.Com

A draft constitution has been made and the first meeting of Alcester Community Trust to be called in the near future.

f) Communication

Newsletter – Articles can be sent in at any time for inclusion in the quarterly Newsletter. Website – The Mayor would like to more fully promote the Town's website. To date no feedback received since the website went live.

g) Alcester Olympics

Cllr Gittus ran a barbeque at the Street Market to raise money for the Olympic Committee

h) Fields in Trust

The plaques for Jubilee Fields and Westbury Park are still outstanding.

i) Youth Issues

Alcester Town Football Club are holding a tournament weekend 15/16 June. Future news items to be put on the Town's website.

A good number of school students took part in the "Fun Run" this year.

Alcester Academy won best stall at the Street Market. Alcester Academy have indicated that they want to link up more with the Town Council and encourage pupils to do community volunteering. Alcester Grammar already take part in community days and a similar project could be organised with the Academy.

j) Community Grants

The grants have been issued and have been gratefully received. Cllr Payne to arrange for a church warden to attend a community meeting to present their application for £3000 towards a youth worker.

5. Community Facilities

a) Jubilee Centre

U3A held their first meeting in the Jubilee Centre.

Stratford upon Avon Electoral Officers visited the centre with a view to using it as a polling station.

Senior Citizen's Action Network are considering using the hall for their events.

The next Community Forum on 18 June to be held at the centre.

Cinema club – Working with Gt. Alne cinema club on getting cinema club up and running.

b) Globe House –

No further update since reported at Full Council

c) Greig Centre –

No further update since reported at Full Council

6. Correspondence –

None received

8. Proposition to Full Council –

None

9. Date and Time of Next Meeting

7pm Monday 8 July 2013 at Globe House